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2026 HFSA/ISHLT Heart and Lung Transplant Series

The Art and Science of Lung Transplantation Referral

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This session provides a practical overview of lung transplant referral criteria, evaluation workflows, and outreach strategies for clinicians caring for patients with advanced lung disease. Expert faculty discuss when to refer, emphasizing early referral – especially for interstitial lung disease – and review disease-specific triggers and objective measures that guide referral decisions. The program also outlines the multidisciplinary lung transplant evaluation process and highlights best practices for collaboration between community providers and transplant centers to improve access, coordination, and patient outcomes.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Recognize clinical and functional indicators that warrant early referral for lung transplant evaluation across major lung disease categories.
2. Apply best practices for building effective referral relationships between community pulmonary providers and tertiary transplant centers to improve patient access and coordination.

FACULTY

- **Kate Hughes, MSN, APRN, AGACNP**, Vanderbilt Medical Center, Nashville, TN USA
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- **Meg Fregoso, MSN, NP-BC, CCTC**, Inova Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, VA USA
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